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In re application of

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Yasuhide ODASHIMA , et al.

Appln. No.: 10/520,934

Group Art Unit: 1725

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For: CONTINUOUS CAST ALUMINUM ALLOY ROD AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREOF

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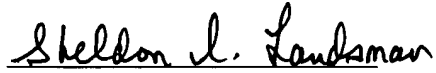
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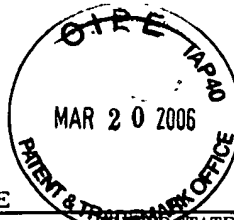
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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP03/09250 07/22/2003 ✓
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Foreign Applications

JAPAN 2002-211883 07/22/2002 ✓

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Early Publication Request: No

Title

Continuous cast aluminium alloy rod and production method and apparatus thereof ✓

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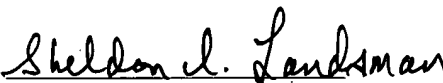
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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

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and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on

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Whereas, SHOWA DENKO K.K.

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I/We hereby authorize and request my/our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 10/520,934, filed January 12, 2005) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

Date: April 11, 2005 s/

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